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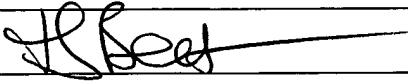
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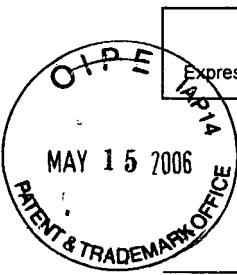
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

As a result of an Office Action of April 21, 2006 regarding the above-referenced patent application, Applicants have been required to elect one of eight species for further prosecution, which were described as follows:

- Species 1, as represented by Fig. 1;
- Species 2, as represented by Fig. 3;
- Species 3, as represented by Fig. 4;
- Species 4, as represented by Fig. 5A;
- Species 5, as represented by Fig. 6A;
- Species 6, as represented by Fig. 7A;
- Species 7, as represented by Fig. 8A; and
- Species 8, as represented by Fig. 9A.

Applicants elect Species 4, which is directed to current claims 1 - 5, 12 and 13, and is depicted by FIG. 4.

The above election is made without traverse.

Therefore, Applicants request that claims 1 - 5, 12 and 13 be examined, and withdraw claims 6 - 11 and 14 - 21 from current consideration. Applicant hereby reserve the right to continue prosecution of the one or more of the non-elected claims in a divisional application. In addition, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is a generic claim, and upon allowance of generic claim 1, that Applicants are entitled to rewrite claims one or more of withdrawn claims 6 - 11 and 14 - 21 to depend from allowed claim 1, and to reinstate the rewritten claims as being allowable based on their dependence from allowable claim 1.

Therefore, in view of the above election and remarks, it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance as to all pending claims be issued in this case.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Dated: May 15, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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